

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's action dated August 25, 2004 having a shortened statutory period set to expire November 25, 2004.

In that action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-2, 5, 7-8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tran, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,359,987) in view of *Dharmarajan, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,374,148). That rejection, in so far as it might be applied to the claims as amended herein, is respectfully traversed.

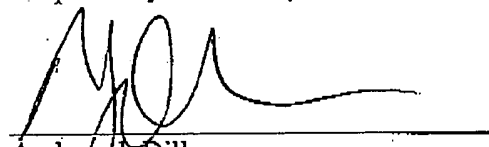
Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 7 to include the subject matter previously set forth within indicated allowable Claim 13. Consequently, Applicant urges that Claim 1 and Claim 7, as amended herein, and all claims which depend from those claims, either directly or indirectly, are now allowable. Withdrawal of all rejections and passage of this application to issue is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner has also rejected Claims 3-4, 9-10 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tran, et al.* and *Dharmarajan, et al.* in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art. As these claims depend, either directly or indirectly from amended Claims 1 and 7, for the reasons noted above Applicant urges that these claims are now also in condition for allowance and withdrawal of all rejections and passage of this application to issue is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

No fee is believed to be required to submit this amendment. However, in the event any fees are required, please charge **IBM CORPORATION'S Deposit Account No. 50-0563**. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM CORPORATION'S Deposit Account No. 50-0563**.

Respectfully submitted,



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